

Amendments to the Specification

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 17, line 13, with the following rewritten paragraph:

16. ~~Ink~~Ing, N.H., Beekman, J.M., Kessler, D.J., Murphy, M., Jayaraman, K., Zendegui, J.G., Hogan, ~~M.F.~~M.E., O'Malley, B.W. & Tsai, M.J. (1993) *Nucleic Acids Res.* 21. 2789.

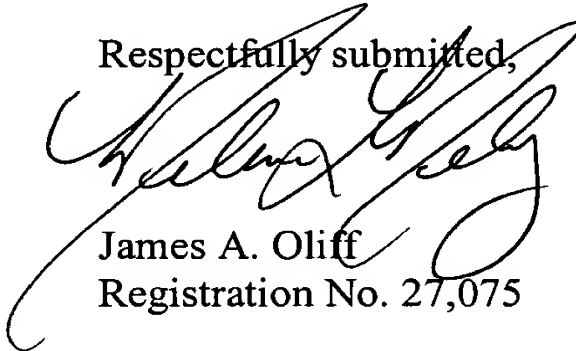
REMARKS

Claims 1, 5, 6, 9-11 and 14-26 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, the specification is amended to correctly identify one of the references discussed therein. No new matter is added.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 1, 5, 6, 9-11 and 14-26 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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